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Evil Dead **Live musical**

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Tyler Rive as Ash and Rebecca Northan plays Annie/Shelly in the play Evil Dead the Musical at Vertigo Theatre, which is based on the cult-classic Evil Dead movie series. The play opened last night.

Sutter seeks suitors

Flames GM could be bench boss if candidates don't pan out

JOEL MESSNER
for Metro Calgary

A familiar face could appear behind the Calgary Flames bench next season.

Though Flames GM Daryl Sutter is keeping his eye on other coaching prospects, he's content steering the Flames on the ice, and in the front office.

"As of right now I'm the best one," Sutter said of his own candidacy for the head coaching position, four days after axing coach Mike Keenan.

"If I feel at the end of our search (for a new coach) that if I am the best candidate, then I'll be the coach," said Sutter, who coached the Flames to the Stanley Cup final in 2004, only to lose in Game 7.

Sutter said the organization prefers three other coaching candidates who are under contract right now.

Daryl Sutter

"That's the problem, all the best coaches in the league are under contract right now," said Sutter.

"I think there's three guys that are excellent — I won't tell you who … and then I'm fourth."

Keenan was fired after leading the Flames to a 98-point regular season and their fourth straight first round exit from the playoffs. Sutter and Flames owner Ken King made it very clear that anything less than a Stanley Cup isn't good enough for the organization. The Flames hope to have a new coaching staff in place by the NHL entry draft, which begins on June 26, Sutter said.

Dalhousie strives to recover

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TRAGEDY Time may not heal all but it does help ease the painful memories of a tragedy that struck the quiet community of Dalhousie one year ago today, according to community members.

It was on May 27, 2008, that Joshua Lall, 34, suddenly killed his wife, Alison, his two young children, Kristen, 5, and Rochelle, 3, and downstairs tenant Amber Bowerman, 30, sparing only his then one-year-old child.

While the motive is still unclear, the memories are starting to fade with time, Dalhousie Community Centre employee Evan Karas said yesterday.

"It's starting to slip under the radar. We had a grieving process and I think it brought the community closer but it is starting to become more distant," Karas said.

But Karas also said some people are torn between the emotions.

"You want to forget it because it was so horrible but you want to remember the victims for who they were," he added.

Neighbour Danielle Hiebert, 18, lives a few houses down and echoed the sentiment that time is starting to heal community wounds.

"I think people are starting to come to terms with it and moving on," she said.

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Local

"I feel honoured ... but on behalf of a million people in the city, God bless (the staff at Mustard Seed) for making such a difference in people's lives."

Police Chief Rick Hanson, right, accepted a signed plaque on behalf of the Calgary Police Service from the Mustard Seed for 25 years of a loyal service yesterday.

Airdrie man faces mail theft charges

PASSPORTS A man has been charged with three counts of mail theft following an intensive investigation into a series of missing passports stemming from February 2008.

Police allege the suspect was stealing mail while working for a business located at the Calgary International Airport. Derek Roche, 30, of Airdrie is due to appear in Calgary Provincial Court on June 26 to face charges.

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Fugitive sent back to the United States

DEPORTED A fugitive who was arrested last week in Calgary has been sent back to the United States. Matthew David Parker had been living in Canada for five years.

He lost his bid to remain in Calgary after an immigration hearing. Parker is wanted on warrants in Indiana for criminal confinement, failing to register as a sex offender and impersonating a police officer.

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News in brief

UNION Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter employees voted 83 per cent in favour of a new deal. The employees, who voted overwhelmingly in favour of strike action in April, approved the deal that CUPE president Dennis Mol said was "an improvement" over previous offers. METRO CALGARY

Grill safely this summer

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With sizzling temperatures on the horizon, many Calgarians are sizing up their slabs of meat to toss on the barbecue.

But the Calgary fire department and ATCO teamed up yesterday to remind Calgarians there is more to barbecuing than just what type of meat to grill.

"We definitely see a higher number of calls during the summer for barbecue fires. Some people don't realize there is a need for regular maintenance," fire spokesperson Jeff Budai said.

Budai said one common mistake people commit is leaving the barbecue on when they are done cooking in an effort to burn off the remnants.

"That's not a good idea because you may forget the barbecue is on. We recommend you clean and grill the remnants off as you are warming the barbecue up before cooking."

Budai said people also need to ensure they keep the barbecues away from the siding of the house and guard rails.

"We've been called to homes where the rails have caught on fire," he said.

Dale Belley, supervisor with ATCO gas, said people also need to be cognizant of proper maintenance of the barbecue, including checking the hoses and making sure there are no gas leaks.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Sabrina del Ben, lead of culinary program for ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen, and manager Steve Curson dole out some hearty beef portions to hungry firefighters yesterday.

Grant to provide housing units for homeless

AMY GREGSON
for Metro Calgary

GRANT The City of Calgary's 10-year plan to end homelessness got a boost of funding yesterday as a $5.96-million grant was given to the Calgary Homeless Foundation.

The grant will add 90 permanent units throughout the city, focusing on providing homes for singles and couples.

"We have to look beyond the crisis response and invest in the permanent solution," said Tim Richter, CEO of the Calgary Homeless Foundation. "Ultimately, the solution to homelessness is housing,"

Richter said that with layoffs continuing to happen, he expects the homeless problem in Calgary to get worse before it gets better.

The grant, provided through block funding from the province, will go towards purchasing and renovating existing buildings to create affordable housing.

Each building will have mixed rents from near market to deep subsidies.

"It's important to provide a hand up for those who are in need to get them back on their feet and back into our community as a contributing member of Calgary's society," said Mayor Dave Bronconnier.

The first buildings should be seen by the end of summer.

Captive Alta. journalist pregnant: Reports.

MADING NGOR
for Metro Canada

SOMALIA An unconfirmed report by the Somali Journalists Rights Agency is claiming that abducted Sylvan Lake native Amanda Lindhout is pregnant in captivity.

Daud Abdi Daud, a spokesman for the agency told Metro yesterday his organization "confirmed at the end of March that Amanda was pregnant."

Daniel Barbarie, a spokesman for Foreign Affairs, would not comment on the report, saying only "we are pursuing all appropriate channels to secure her release."

Lindhout and Nigel Brennan, an Australian photographer, were abducted outside of Somalia's capital Mogadishu last August.

On Sunday, Lindhout or possibly someone impersonating her, held a five-minute conversation with a correspondent for Agence France-Presse.

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What's online today.

Blogs Stye columnist Kenya Hunt's Acne jacket department store showdown with a shopping rival.

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Surge in EI claims

The number of Canadians collecting regular employment insurance benefits grew by 65,300, or more than 10 per cent, in March, marking the biggest monthly increase since the job market began to deteriorate in October. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada

Montreal inquest suspended

A Quebec coroner looking into the police shooting death of Montreal teen Fredy Villanueva has suspended the inquest indefinitely after key witnesses said they wouldn't participate as a matter of principle. Villanueva was shot in a Montreal North park in August 2008 while police were trying to arrest his older brother, Dany. Two other men, Denis Meas and Jeffrey Sagor Metellus, were struck by police bullets at the same time. CBC NEWS ONLINE

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Fur flies after Jean makes meal of seal

To some, it was a stunning gesture to native tradition worthy of Chief Dan George.

To others, it was an act of rock-star audacity that awakened memories of grizzled old bat-muncher Ozzy Osborne.

And to others still, it was just, well, gross.

However you view the spectacle of Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean gobbling seal heart raw in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, there is no denying the Queen's representative now has the divisive, decades-old seal hunt controversy stuck in her teeth.

The political indigestion over Jean's meal of seal roiled loudest among animal-rights activists, who used the terms "Neanderthal" and "bloodlust" yesterday to describe how the Governor General revelled helping herself to the heart of the dripping carcass.

Jean was unapologetic, pronouncing her taste of seal heart to be "absolutely delicious."

"These are ancient practices that are part of a way of life," Jean said, framing her gutsy gesture as an act of solidarity with the Inuit.

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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean has been criticized by animal-rights groups after eating part of a raw seal heart in Nunavut

"If you can't understand that, you're completely missing the reality of life here."

But Dan Mathews, senior vice-president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, said it was Jean who was missing reality.

"Our campaign is not to stop the native hunt, which accounts for only a very tiny part of Canada's seal slaughter," said Mathews.

"Far more than 90 per cent of the Canadian seal hunt is unrelated to the native peoples. What we want to stop is that huge commercial market that is all about selling baby seal skins to Norway, where they become fashion items for the Russian and Chinese markets," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Deficit to hit record $50B, Flaherty says

TORIES Canada will run a record budget deficit of more than $50 billion this year, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday as the Conservative government came under pressure to spend more on the jobless.

Flaherty raised his estimate from the $33.7-billion shortfall he forecast in the government's January budget. The deficit will be the country's first after more than a decade of surpluses.

"We are going through a deeper economic slowdown than anticipated," Flaherty said.

He blamed lower tax revenues and higher jobless benefits being paid out by Ottawa as "to be expected" in the downturn. REUTERS

Old record

- The previous highest deficit, in nominal terms, was $39 billion in 1992-93, according to Finance Ministry data.

News in brief

BAN The Canadian government yesterday proposed a ban on fruit-flavoured cigarettes and small cigars that anti-smoking groups say are being marketed like candy to lure children and teenagers into smoking. REUTERS

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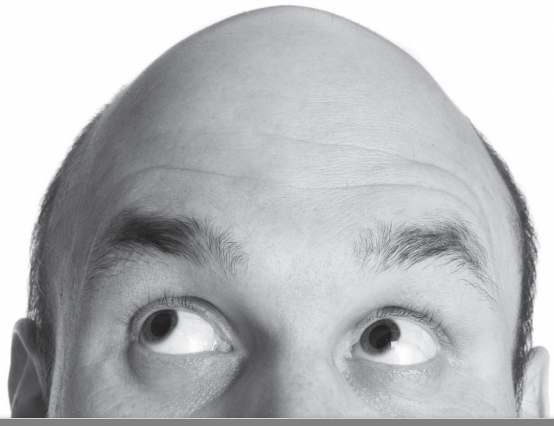

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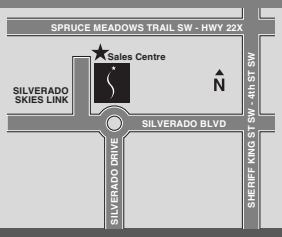

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Pakistani PM's grounds invaded by leopard

Pakistani hunters are trying to catch a wild leopard that has been roaming the grounds of Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani's official residence since late last week. REUTERS

World

N. Korea threatens strike against South

North Korea yesterday threatened a military strike against the South a day after Seoul joined a U.S.-led initiative to intercept shipments suspected of being involved in weapons of mass destruction.

"Any hostile act against our peaceful vessels including search and seizure will be considered an unpardonable infringement on our sovereignty and we will immediately respond with a powerful military strike," a spokesman for the North's army was quoted as saying by official KCNA news agency.

The isolated Communist state defied international condemnation of its latest nuclear test by firing three short-range missiles off its east coast yesterday, and major powers considered tougher action against the isolated communist state.

North Korea has also restarted a Soviet-era plant that extracts bomb-grade plutonium, a South Korean newspaper reported yesterday.

North Korea also fired three short-range missiles Monday, and South Korean media quoted government sources as saying further missile tests were possible.

REUTERS

1 in 7 ex-Gitmo inmates return to terrorism: U.S.

DETAINEES Seventy-four, or one out of every seven, terrorism suspects formerly held at the U.S. detention site at Guantanamo Bay are confirmed or suspected of having returned to terrorism, the Pentagon said yesterday.

Of more than 530 detainees transferred from the U.S. base in Cuba, 27 are confirmed and 47 suspected of "reengaging in terrorist activity," according to a Pentagon summary.

The total of 74 has more than doubled since May 2007, when the Pentagon said about 30 had gone back to terrorist activity.

REUTERS

Closure blocked

- Last week the U.S. Senate blocked funds the administration sought to shutter the prison, demanding a detailed plan on what would happen to the 240 terrorism suspects still held at Guantanamo.

California court upholds gay marriage ban

RIGHTS California's supreme court backed a ban on gay marriage yesterday, upholding a voter-approved proposition, but said the marriages last year of 18,000 same-sex couples were still legal.

The court, which last year opened the door to same-sex unions in the most populous U.S. state, bowed to the majority of voters who passed the ban known as Proposition 8 last November.

The argument continued in San Francisco streets, where gay marriage backers vowed to continue the fight at the ballot box in 2010. The court said the roughly 18,000 marriages that took place in the state between June and November last year remained valid.

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News in brief

SRI LANKA More than 9,000 Tamil Tiger fighters have been questioned by judges following Asia's longest modern war and most will undergo rehabilitation, Sri Lanka's military said yesterday. Many of the remaining 2,000 who have "self-confessed" are likely to face trial. Meanwhile, the UN human rights chief called yesterday for an inquiry to determine if the military and Tamil rebels committed war crimes in the last burst of their conflict.

CYCLONE Nearly 200 people have been killed by a cyclone that tore through Bangladesh and eastern India, while millions remained marooned by floodwater or forced to live in shelters.

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Presto! Iggy's still here

TheWestView

Ladies and gentlemen! For my next trick, I will condemn the Tory attack ads on Michael Ignatieff without sounding like a knee-jerk Liberal.

This is a difficult trick that, to my knowledge, has never been performed in public.

Here goes.

To date, the mainstream media (MSM to alienated Tories) have decried Stephen Harper & Co.'s preference for going nuclear on the Opposition leader over defending their own governance. Many have also made the point that there's nothing wrong with spending 34 years outside the country, and have dismissed or glossed over the most telling point of the attack ads: Ignatieff was in the habit of pretending to be American or English depending on his audience at the time.

"They really think we'll watch these ads, and we'll all go 'Aha!' and vote Tory."

To outraged Tories, Ignatieff's alleged duplicity is critical. They maintain it's their patriotic duty to expose this imposter, this carpetbagger, this dilettante, for what he is. Imagine, this guy has spent 34 years mouthing off around the planet and now comes home expecting us to anoint him prime minister!

Hence the attack ads. It's a tough job, pilgrim, but somebody's gotta do it.

Unfortunately, the Tories are missing the point. Again. I'm not sure why Harper & Co. have such a collective tin ear, but I think it comes from years of being a "Voice Crying in the Wilderness": "They have eyes, but they do not see! They have ears, but they do not hear!" They really think we'll watch these ads, and we'll all go "Aha!" and vote Tory.

Whatever you think about Michael Ignatieff, it's not going to happen. Iggy may have gone to Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge, but his post-grad political education comes courtesy Barack Obama. These days, negativity won't get you through. When he says he's here to bring people together, not tear them apart, he's found a message Canadians are ready to hear.

This Yes We Can attitude, this message of hope, appears to have completely eluded the Tories. As the governing party, they're in the unfortunate position of telling us what we can't have. But do they have to be so mean-spirited about it?

I'm sure Stephen Harper cares about this country, almost as much as he cares about running it. However, if he wants to keep his job, he'll spend less time picking on a guy who cannot only take it, but give it back double.

He needs to roll up his sleeves, put a smile on his face and take out the following ad: "This is the greatest country in the world, and together we're going to overcome the obstacles and make it even greater. Laurier had it wrong (what do you expect from a Liberal?): It's the 21st century that belongs to Canada."

Now there's a tack we're all waiting to hear.

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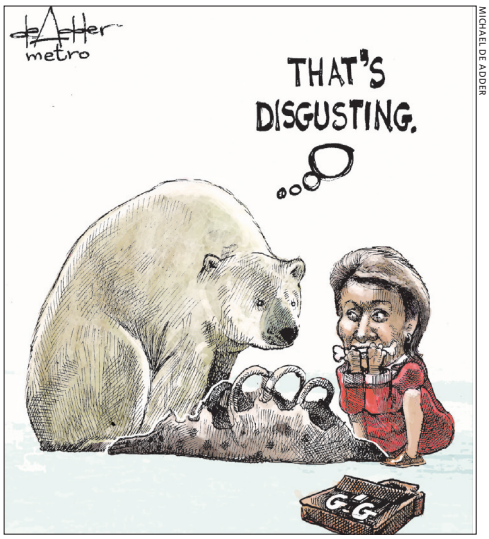

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Word on the street: Should convicted child killers receive longer prison sentences than other convicted murderers?

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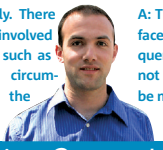

A: Not necessarily. There are more factors involved in that decision, such as motivation and circumstances around the killing.

Terry Woolly
age 44, Calgary

A: They should face the consequences, but I'm not sure if it should be more.

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Business

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First-time home buyers drawn in by low rates

While the economy remains a huge concern, lower home prices and interest rates are the two main ingredients that have driven Canadian first-time home buyers to buy in the spring market, according to a report released yesterday by Royal LePage Real Estate Services.

According to a poll by Pollara Research for Royal LePage, 86 per cent of Canadians say lower interest rates make them more likely to purchase a home, followed by 81 per cent who say lower housing prices are the motivating factor.

But the economy remains a stumbling block, with 76 per cent citing job security and 64 per cent saying a stable economy are important factors in their buying decisions.

Still, some buyers have returned to the market this spring, with a first-time home buyer's tax credit and a home renovation tax credit for 2009 cited by potential purchasers as influencing factors.

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Business in brief

BANKING Bank of Montreal posted a stronger-than-expected quarterly profit yesterday, and said it was cutting 1,100 jobs, sending Canadian bank shares higher as investors bet that other big lenders reporting this week will also notch profits.

OIL Inter Pipeline Fund said yesterday it has agreed to ship ultra-light oil to Imperial Oil Ltd.'s newly approved Kearl oil-sands project, spending $135 million to connect the facility to its existing pipeline network. Inter Pipeline said it will carry 60,000 barrels a day of diluent from Edmonton to the Kearl site north of Fort McMurray by late 2012.

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Peter Zezel passes away

Former NHL player Peter Zezel passed away at a Toronto hospital yesterday, after a long battle with a blood disorder. Zezel, 44, spent the last 10 years being treated for haemolytic anaemia, a rare disorder in which red blood cells are destroyed faster than the body can replace them. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Tyson's daughter dies

The four-year-old daughter of former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, left, has died, a day after being found with cord tied around her neck in an apparent accident at her home, Phoenix police said yesterday. The girl was home with her mother when the accident occurred Monday. Tyson was not in Phoenix at the time, but was shown on television arriving at the hospital later that day. REUTERS

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Pittsburgh completes sweep

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NHL Maxime Talbot registered a goal and two assists, as Pittsburgh swept the Hurricanes and captured its second straight Eastern Conference crown with a 4-1 win at RBC Center.

Ruslan Fedotenko, Bill Guerin and Craig Adams also scored for the Penguins, who are the first team to reach the Stanley Cup Finals in consecutive years since New Jersey accomplished the feat in 2000 and 2001.

Sidney Crosby collected two helpers.

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What comes after Keenan?

TheHockeyNews

Ryan Kennedy

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Calgary Flames GM Darryl Sutter has a very important task on his hands. With the firing of coach Mike Keenan after two fruitless seasons — preceded by a similar disappointing 2006-07 with Jim Playfair at the helm — Sutter must come to grips with the fact his GM skills are not as sharp as his coaching acumen.

Fortunately, Sutter was a pretty good coach, so this isn't a big slight on his character. But while Keenan was ineffective as Calgary's bench boss, the extra push expected from deadline deals was not felt in Cowtown.

What about Olli Jokinen and Jordan Leopold, you say? Well, what about them? Leopold was a minus-5 with four points on the Flames blueline in 19 regular season games and did only slightly better in the playoffs.

Meanwhile, Jokinen finally got into the post-season, but clearly wasn't the difference-maker the Flames were hoping for. The team went 8-11 down the stretch after acquiring him.

Darryl Sutter

And if you're not a fan of the big Finn, things only get worse next season: Jokinen still has another year on his contract, while leading goal-scorer Mike Cammalleri is likely gone as an unrestricted free agent this summer because of the ensuing salary cap crunch.

Flames defenceman Robyn Regehr told the Calgary Herald that Keenan's days as an NHL coach have likely passed him by. It's a new league with new ins-and-outs and mistake-prone, fire-wagon hockey just won't do in the post-season.

So, to whom should the Flames turn? The trend this season has been to buck the trends of the past: Instead of going with old-school coaches with resumes, teams tended to give newbies a shot, with good results. Dan Bylsma has the Penguins inches from a second straight Stanley Cup berth, while Cory Clouston almost orchestrated a miracle comeback in Ottawa.

But the Flames are a veteran squad. They don't need a fresh outlook and they don't need any more motivation at this point. What they need is a strong voice with a definitive plan.

So why not Sutter? He steered the ship during Calgary's most-recent success, specifically the team's 2004 Stanley Cup final run. And most of the core from that team is still around.

Pulling double duty as coach and GM doesn't really work anymore in the NHL — it's just too rigorous — so maybe Sutter should find a new boss for himself.

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Camaro comeback

LORNE DRURY
for Metro Canada

These are trying times for the folks at General Motors.

So it was nice to see some smiles on the faces of Chevrolet executives as they recently introduced the long-awaited 2010 Camaro to assembled members of the media in the outskirts of the Motor City.

Blog sites and forums have been filled with chat about the new Camaro. And before production had even begun, Chevy had presold 14,000 units and had more than 15.5 million Camaro hits on its Web site.

The Camaro is available with both V6 and V8 engines combined with either six-speed automatic or manual transmissions.

Chevrolet's 2010 version of Camaro features both V6 and V8 engines.

And best of all, fuel economy is decent for a performance car, delivering an estimated 6.9L/100 km highway with the peppy 304 hp 3.6-litre V6 engine.

Built on GM's new rear-wheel drive Zeta platform like the Pontiac G8, the Camaro draws its styling lines from the iconic '69 first-generation model while at the same time offering modern-day features such as independent rear suspension, six standard air bags and even a cylinder de-activation system in the V8 automatic that helps save on fuel.

Does the modern, sharper styling work with the Camaro?

During our half-day ride and drive just outside Detroit, the Camaro sure attracted attention. Heads turned, camera phones were pointed our way and even the local constabulary came out in one small town to take a close-up look along with a number of locals.

The Camaro is particularly striking from a rear view, with a muscular look thanks to the wide haunches. All versions get dual exhausts, adding to the muscle car appeal.

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Workology

Musical winners

Alexander Seredenko and Samuel Deason, two students of The Royal Conservatory's Glenn Gould School, in Toronto, won prizes at The Toronto Symphony Orchestra National Piano Competition, held at The Royal Conservatory last weekend. This prestigious piano competition is a biennial event and attracts Canada's finest young pianists between the ages of 16 and 25. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A light in the darkest corners

Head to **Toe**

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Most doctors have no trouble finding patients: they just go to the waiting room. But for doctors who have chosen to work with troubled, vulnerable people, even reaching their patients can be extremely difficult.

Dr. Julio Montaner, director of the B.C. Centre for Excellence, is one of the world's leading HIV-AIDS experts. Part of his work includes combating the disease in Vancouver's impoverished Downtown Eastside.

He says people on the streets have seemingly bigger problems than treating HIV.

Finding food, shelter, staying safe, dealing with mental-health problems and getting the next hit all take precedence over an invisible infection that hurts little in the early stages.

"They need places they can get services that are the number one priority for them, so that eventually … you can start addressing other issues. I always say, 'HIV is my priority, but it is not your priority,'" Montaner explains.

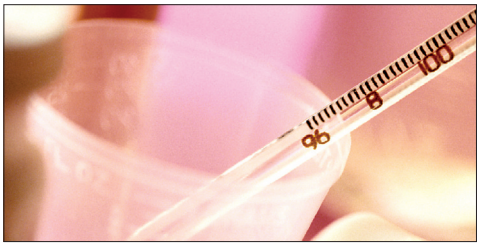
"The number one priority is to help these people live a better life. The second priority is to stop the stigma and discrimination that makes it so difficult to work with these individuals."

Part of that is decriminalizing drug use, he argues. "We can't continue to try to help these people because they have a drug problem and on the other hand, chase them around because they have five grams of marijuana in their pocket. We're working at odds with each other; we need to get our priorities straight.

"If we can give people the opportunity to engage in HIV treatment, these become life saving for them," he says. The treatment also vastly lowers the presence of the disease in the body, meaning it is much less likely they will transmit the disease. "Unless we do that, we are not going to be able to control the epidemic."

But many street people don't get treatment, meaning they get sick and die after being infected for many high-risk years. Montaner calls it a "reservoir of highly infectious cases that is not controlled.

"People are telling us that treatment for HIV is expensive; we're saying not to bring treatment to these people … is not only unethical, but it's actually stupid. It's more expensive not to do it."



"(Not treating people with HIV) is not only unethical, but it's actually stupid. It's more expensive not to do it," says Dr. Julio Montaner.

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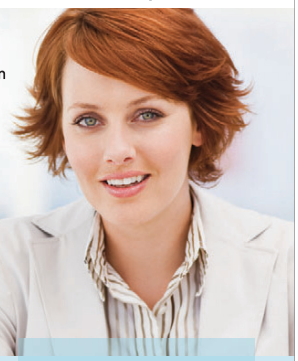

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After 36 years at the Bank of Nova Scotia, David Chapman resigned, arguing that a reduction in his salary and the bank's failure to honour a promise amounted to his termination. In a three-year period, Chapman's base salary had remained consistent, but his overall salary had declined by 13 per cent through a reduction in his incentive compensation, such as stock options, bonus pay and shares.

The legal doctrine of constructive dismissal permits employees to treat fundamental changes to their jobs as effectively amounting to their termination. However, Chapman's case was dismissed. The court reasoned that, despite the decline in his total pay, his pay still fell within the applicable salary range for his position.

Contrast this case with the recent Ontario decision involving Lawrence Doran and Ontario Power Generation Inc. Here, a number of changes were established that would have had the effect of reducing Doran's compensation by 15 per cent. Although OPG argued that the changes were applied consistently to all executive-level employees and were necessary from a business perspective, the court found that Doran was permitted to treat his employment as if it was ending, given the changes to his pay, in which case he would receive the same severance pay as if he had simply been fired.

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Official opening

Canadians visiting the Dominican Republic can now access a new office of the Embassy of Canada in Punta Cana for help with consular services. About 450,000 Canadians visit the Punta Cana-Bavaro region each year, and a number of Canadians settle in Punta Cana to live. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Journeying to the Lost World

Venezuela's billion-year-old tepuys are an epic destination

DOMINIC HAMILTON
for Metro Canada

Waterfalls are popular places. There's something about them that makes people gush with torrents of praise and wonder. You have honeymooners' Niagara, of course, and then Africa's Victoria Falls, and the likes of Iguazu on the Brazil-Argentina border.

But although these are worthy of praise, the falls which tower above them all is the loftily-titled Angel Falls, in deepest darkest Venezuela.

Angel Falls is massive. It's so tall its waters separate into a million dancing droplets by the time they reach the forest canopy below, where rainbows arc at its feet. It's the height of sixteen Niagaras piled atop one another: A near-kilometre of free falling water.

The falls vault from a canyon that prises open the vertical cliffs Auyan Tepuy, or Auyan mountain. Auyan, the largest of the unique mesa mountain tepuys of the ancient Guyana Shield, rises 2,510 metres (8,233 ft) in south-eastern Venezuela. The entire region is protected by the jewel in Venezuela's already shining crown of national parks, Canaima National Park — one of the world's largest.

Arthur Conan Doyle based his adventure yarn, The Lost World, on reports by Victorian explorers to the region.

It was widely believed that life on top of the mesa mountains, isolated from the world, could have been suspended in its evolutionary development. The possibility of dinosaurs still existing on the mountains has fired the imagination of every visitor since then.

Although no dinosaurs have been found to date, the summits of the mountains do harbour some fascinating creatures, most of them found on one mountain, and nowhere else.

Our "modern" age has been no less susceptible to the magic and mystique of this remote region. Rumours of UFO activity abound, and the indigenous Pemon Indians still maintain the mountains are home to mischievous spirits.

Perhaps it would be more poetic if the name Angel Falls derived from a miraculous saintly figure that once appeared to an Indian, or echoed the shape of its white plume cascading down from the heavens.

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Drawing on nature

- The new Disney 3-D animated film, Up, which is to be released on Friday, is about the journey of a lifetime (via a house tied to thousands of balloons) to Venezuela's mystical formations known as tepuys, and to a fictional waterfall called Paradise Falls, which is based on Angel Falls. A Disney production team actually made the arduous journey to the tepuys in order to capture the prehistoric and otherwordly ambience of the area.

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Top, Venezuela's Angel Falls, the world's highest waterfall, and Ayuan Tepuy. Above, the flat top of Mount Roirama, another tepuy, rises above a bank of clouds.

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Off the beaten path

TripAtlas.com's list of non-typical dream honeymoon destinations includes Marrakech; Kauai; the Austrian countryside; lesser-known Bahamas islands such as Long Island, Eleuthera and Exumas; Buenos Aires; Puerto Vallarta; and Fiji's Turtle Island. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A panoramic view of Angel Falls, named after the adventurous Canadian pilot Jimmie Angel, and Ayuan Tepuy, a flat-topped formation akin to a mesa.

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The truth, however, is far more entertaining, and, in a land rich in gold and diamonds, far more appropriate.

It's named after a maverick bush pilot called Jimmie Angel, a Canadian Air Force pilot of the First World War with a penchant for red-heads, and a passion for gold.

In 1921, Angel was contracted to fly to one of the Guyana Shield's mountains, called tepuys by the Pemon. He landed his plane atop one of them, where his contractor proceeded to pan a river, and fill a sack, so the story goes, full of gold nuggets. So many, in fact, Angel feared they wouldn't be able to take off again with the extra weight.As they nosed off the mountain, the plane plunged thousands of feet before Angel managed to level out.

So began Angel's obsession with the River of Gold, taking his place in the long line of adventurers who have raked the region in search of El Dorado.

Over the following years, he persuaded various backers to fund his trips in search of "his" mountain. He never found it. But in 1933, Angel returned from a trip very excited. This time it wasn't a river, gold, a tepuy or even a red-head that had caught his imagination, but a waterfall. He claimed to have sighted surely the tallest in the world.

"A waterfall a mile high," he claimed.

Tell us another tall story, retorted the other regulars at the bar.

On a flight in 1937, Angel attempted to land on the surface of the Auyan mountain. His small plane stuck in a bog. He and his party, which included his wife, were forced to find a way down. They eventually made it to a nearby mission 11 days later — somewhat slimmer. This time though, they all got a good look at the falls, and Angel's story didn't look so tall after all.

Today, you can see Angel's rescued plane at the airport in Ciudad Bolívar, a city on the banks of the Orinoco. And you can follow Angel's flight path in a small Cessna right past the falls as it cascades off the intimidating Auyan mountain.

But the best way to truly appreciate the grandeur of the falls is to take a boat trip to its base. River-depth permitting, motorized dugout canoes piloted by local Pemon make the trip up from the idyllic shores of Canaima Lagoon.

You can do the trip in a day, but the most rewarding way to visit is to stay overnight slung in a hammock, and climb to the lookout beneath the falls at the crack of dawn.

Then, as the sun's rays rise from the east, they slowly edge their way down the mountain's cathedral façade, bathing the falls in pure golden light. It's just as well Angel's surname wasn't Smith.

Good to know

Getting to Angel Falls

- The village of Canaima, gateway to Angel Falls, enjoys an idyllic setting at the north-western edge of Canaima National Park, north-west of Auyan Tepuy. Canaima may be touristy by many standards — the souvenir shops certainly are — and the original Horturvensa camp's architecture somewhat disappointing, but the overall effect is magical, even to the well-travelled eye.
- The alternative, which I recommend, is to begin your trip in either Kavak (visiting the mysterious canyon) or Kamarata. From the latter, you take a dugout, passing Angel Falls and ending in Canaima.

When to go

- You can only travel by dugout up the Río Churún in the rainy season, which runs from April-May to late November. However, trips might be possible on the fringes of these months as well — though you might have to get out of your boat more often! At other times, the only way to see the falls is by plane.

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- venezuelavoyage.com
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Travelling by boat up Carrao and Churun Rivers to Angel Falls, in Canaima National Park.

Taiwan pedals ahead with bike tours

GREEN TRAVEL Taiwan is rolling out Asia's first comprehensive bicycle tourism plan, including rentals, special railway cars and guides for rides down the rugged coastline or up the island's steep central mountains.

The tourism package, spearheaded by the government and private companies, lets cyclists rent bikes in one place and drop them off in another along the tropical, sparsely populated east coast, where the government seeks to develop tourism.

Map-savvy tour guides on two-wheels show cyclists the roads, while Taiwan's flagship Giant Manufacturing rents bikes along popular routes and will expand to eight railway stations by the end of the year.

The railways were also tearing out seats in some trains to make space for cyclists headed to the east coast.

"When you get off the train, you can rent a bike, whether it's an average bike or a high-level bike, whatever makes you happy," Taiwan transportation Minister Mao Chi-kuo recently told reporters at an event to promote tourism.

Though matched in Europe and North America, Taiwan is ahead of the pack in Asia, cycling authorities say.

To keep its lead, island President Ma Ying-jeou announced this month the government would spend more than $20 million US on a new network of bike paths. Over the past two years, east coast cycling has gone from the odd loner braving speeding gravel trucks to group after organized group of cyclists who spend two or three days on the road. **REUTERS**

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Cole out of hospital

Natalie Cole has been discharged from the hospital five days after undergoing a kidney transplant. Cole headed home on Sunday to continue her recovery, her rep confirms to People. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Series saver

Christina Applegate has become the latest celebrity to launch a campaign to save their TV show — she is urging fans to sign a petition for her axed series Samantha who? FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Big screen benders

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

From silent-era films earning laughs at the antics of liquored-up louts, to sobering award-winning portrayals of addiction in movies like The Lost Weekend and Leaving Las Vegas, alcohol has always made for intoxicating entertainment in Hollywood.

In The Hangover a trio of stag-party pals search for a lost groom.

Now, with the unavoidable hype building around The Hangover (in theatres June 5), alcohol may once again come to the forefront leaving the Las Vegas-set comedy with a lot of admirers. However, in spite of all the laughs in this knee-slapper about a trio of stag-party pals searching for their lost, besotted groom, a question is being raised — are films featuring alcohol-use doing more harm than good? There's a movement that thinks so.

In fact, a recent survey by Dartmouth Medical School in New Hampshire has found that almost 42 per cent of parents agreed that the appearance of alcohol consumption should warrant a movie the dreaded "R" rating.

While concerned guardians don't have to worry about The Hangover (although it's American R, rating varies province to province in Canada), the comedy was not likely branded that in the U.S. because of scenes involving booze. Surprisingly, the Motion Picture Association of America doesn't reportedly take alcohol into account among its rating factors.

Movie **feature**

Perhaps more surprising was the fact that parents in the study seemed more concerned about alcohol-consumption than smoking on film despite past research linking the risk of teen smoking to the cinema.

According to lead author Meghan Longacre, that attitude may reflect "a greater concern with the negative consequences of teen drinking that may seem more immediate and dire to parents, such as drinking and driving, compared to the longer-term health consequences of smoking."

While nobody is saying The Hangover should be avoided, it's important to note that the film is intended for older audiences.

Mom has no regrets

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

When Canada's Next Top Model host Jay Manuel greeted 20 women on the show's third season premiere last night, the model wannabes knew there must be more people present than positions on the show.

MacDonald

Manuel called nine women to stand beside him, causing those remaining to quiver. But they were being duped. The women he called were already real models — his joking way of welcoming the competitors while still inciting a little bit of fear.

It was also when the fun and games stopped. The new batch of models-in-training were thrown right into their first competition — a photo shoot with photographer Nigel Barker, also a judge on America's Next Top Model.

The shoot was an unlucky introduction for 23-year-old Tiffany MacDonald of Toronto, criticized by the judges for her shyness and lack of confidence she was the first to be sent home.

One point of contention she couldn't control was her then eight-month-old son she left at home to pursue the Top Model title, which judge Jeanne Beker raised as a concern. "Yes, I'm a mom. So what?" MacDonald said. "I don't think it was a fair judgment to hold against me."

But MacDonald holds no grudges. She'll continue to pursue modeling, she said, and left the show regret-free.

Going Gaga for MuchMusic

Lady Gaga

MUSIC The streets will shut down, the stars will come out, and this year, the MuchMusic Video Awards will go Gaga.

Sexy electronic dance star Lady Gaga is the latest performer to be added to the 2009 MMVAs roster. The outdoor show in Toronto, takes place on June 21. That's when Gaga will join previously announced co-hosting act the Jonas Brothers, who will also take the stage to perform.

"I'm so excited," she said. "I love awards shows, especially for music television. I'm planning the performance already, and I can't wait to do something amazing." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Kenya's**Style**

Kenya Hunt

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critics' corner

Primeval

When an anomaly opens in a busy London hospital, cute but dangerous burrowing creatures roam around the corridors. With teeth so sharp they can chew through anything, they threaten to chomp through the main power supply. Calamity is averted by Cutter, Connor, Abby and Captain Becker (Douglas Henshall, Andrew-Lee Potts, Hannah Spearritt, Ben Mansfield), who are obliged to get the creatures back to their own time before the anomaly closes. 7 PM on SPACE

George Strait: ACM Artist of the Decade All-Star Concert

Currently riding the crest of a 25-year career, "the king of country" is saluted by peers and colleagues at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Slated to perform are Brooks & Dunn, Jamie Foxx, Faith Hill, Jack Ingram, Alan Jackson, Jamey Johnson, Toby Keith, Miranda Lambert, Tim McGraw, Montgomery Gentry, John Rich, LeAnn Rimes, Blake Shelton, Sugarland, Taylor Swift, Keith Urban and Lee Ann Womack. 6 PM on CMT

Kylie says yes

Kylie Minogue is engaged, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 40-year-old singer was reportedly thrilled when her Spanish boyfriend of seven months, Andres Velencoso, popped the question during a romantic trip to New York earlier this month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Amy drops the ball again

DOWNHILL FROM HERE Mark Ronson's dream of recording another track with Amy Winehouse has come crashing to the ground after the troubled singer failed to turn up to the studio to finish their Quincy Jones tribute, female-first.co.uk reports.

The producer was at the mixing deck for Winehouse's 2006 global smash LP Back To Black and the pop star returned the favour the following year by singing Valerie for Ronson's cover album Version.

But the pair failed to recreate their magic last summer when they were approached to compose a Bond theme for Quantum Of Solace — with White Stripes rocker Jack White and Alicia Keys eventually landing the song.

Ronson was due to return to the studio with his muse to record a new version of Lesley Gore's You Don't Own Me for an upcoming album in honour of music industry legend Jones. But their collaboration has reportedly been dropped from the project — and a disappointed Ronson appears to have given up hope on convincing Winehouse to wrap up the project.

He says, "The track isn't finished and she's not around. If she's not here, then unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about it."

It's the latest in a series of career blows for Winehouse, who was recently forced to abandon plans for a comeback concert in London days after she was admitted to hospital on the Caribbean island.

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Jen's pampered pet pal

DOG PERSON Jennifer Aniston's dog has a director's chair on the set of her new movie, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 40-year-old actress is so close to her pet Norman, she brings him to set when she is shooting The Baster.

A source told the National Enquirer magazine: "Norman is important in Jennifer's life, but the crew is fed up with having to dote on him. Jennifer needs him around all the time and she won't stand for him being chained up. So the dog has his own chair near the director, and Jennifer also has a doggy masseuse tend to Norman every day."

Aniston ensures 13-year-old Norman is walked three times a day, and is given meals from the actors' catering van.

The source added: "She even insists that Norman eat with the crew and that he's fed organic, human-grade food. So Jennifer's assistant has special plates made up by the caterer with free-range white meat chicken and organic rice. Norman eats healthier and better than most humans."

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Madonna just a friend: Jesus

DENIAL Jesus Luz has spoken out about his relationship with Madonna for the first time. "She is my friend, only my friend," the model told Brazilian TV show Fantastico. "Madonna is a person who I admire very much, a friend who has entered my life and (with whom) I keep in contact. I cannot say anything more than I don't have plans of marrying her. I can't say if she is the woman in my life."

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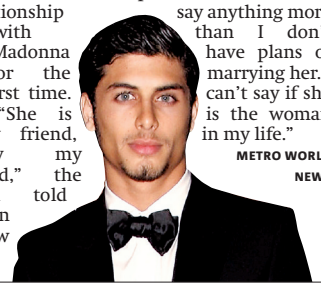

MJ's spending out of control?

MO' MONEY, MO' PROBLEMS Michael Jackson has been forced to delay the start of his run of shows this summer in London, rescheduling three of the performances for next year. The delay has nothing to do with Jackson's rumoured health problems.

"Michael is ready for this and ready to do it right," show director Kenny Ortega said, according to Voice of America. Meanwhile, a lawsuit from a former lawyer has exposed some of Jackson's outlandish spending habits, including nearly $8 million US on statues of Peter Pan and children playing in just the last few years.

"Mr. Jackson's pattern has been to spend to the brink of insolvency and then borrow against his assets to further feed his spending," former lawyer Raymone Bain said, according to the Sun.

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Boyle? Big deal: Lily

JEALOUSY? Lily Allen doesn't see what the big deal is about Susan Boyle, usmagazine.com reports.

Last weekend, the 48-year-old Scottish singer landed in the final round of Britain's Got Talent after beating out seven other performers by belting out Memory from the musical Cats.

But Allen said (via Twitter), "I thought her timing was off on Britain's Got Talent on Sunday — no control, and I don't think she has an amazing voice."

"She can sing," Allen admitted, "but it's not about talent with her, is it?"

The Britain's Got Talent finale competition takes place this Saturday.

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Katie's acting leftovers

SUBSTITUTE Lindsay Lohan is getting back to work with the new film The Other Side. But it turns out she wasn't the director's first choice for the role — Katie Holmes was.

"Katie would call me from Berlin at 4 a.m. her time to go over ideas and notes," director David Michaels told E! News. "The result of our collaboration has tremendously improved the arc and dynamic of the lead character."

But Holmes decided to back out of the film when it looked like there wouldn't be enough funding.

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Dad again, Mel admits

HONESTY Mel Gibson stopped by to visit Jay Leno during his last week at the Tonight show and opened up about the recent end of his 28-year marriage.

"Look. When it's all said and done, I did a pretty good hatchet job on my marriage myself," Gibson said. "I'm to blame. If you're inclined to judge, put it here."

He also admitted that his Russian girlfriend, Oksana Grigorieva, is pregnant with his eighth child.

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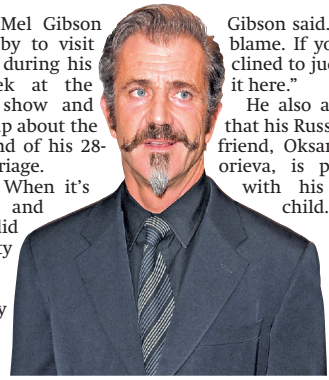

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Hewitt moving fast

QUITE A REBOUND Things seem to be heating up between Jennifer Love Hewitt and Jamie Kennedy. The Ghost Whisperer co-stars, who have been dating for several months since Hewitt's split from former fiancé Ross McCall, were spotted buying "love bracelets" at Cartier, according to the Chicago Sun-Times.

"They've also been shopping for an engagement ring for Jennifer," a source says. "She is simply a girl who always needs a man in her life and is getting nervous that she may have missed out on marriage and having a family."

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Thursday Mostly sunny 21 C / 6 C
Friday Sunny 25 C / 8 C

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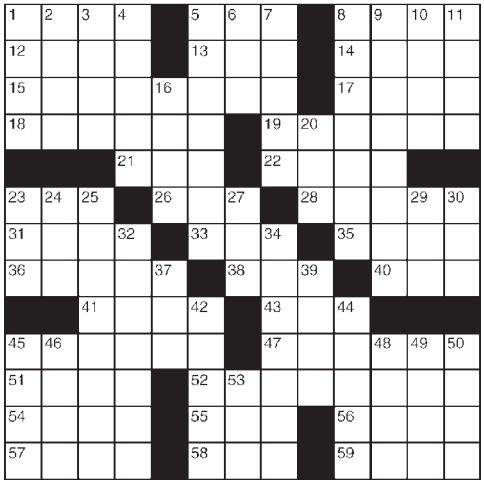

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12 Laugh-a-minute
13 Altar affirmative
14 "The Amazing —"
15 Solvency source
17 Sicilian spouter
18 Hard and cold
19 Whiteboard accessory
21 Knock
22 Platter
23 Bro or sis
26 Existed
28 Come together
31 Owl's sound
33 Homer's interjection
35 Gloomy
36 Give philanthropically
38 Directory info (Abbr.)
40 Ex, —, zee
41 Mongol tent
43 Chic no more
45 Undeveloped state
47 Boil
51 Sandwich shop
52 Movie about a 1950s scandal
54 Cupid's alias
55 Work with
56 Ripped
57 Small salamander
58 Listener
59 Catches some rays

Crossword down

1 Curved lines
2 Decree
3 Got up
4 "None of the above"
5 Frog's perch
6 Hubbub
7 Acknowledged applause
8 Lubricated
9 Submits humbly
10 Teenager's woe
11 Caboose's position
16 Imperfection
20 Edge
23 That girl
24 Charged bit
25 Damaging hit
27 Trinity member
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30 Prior to
32 Sightseer
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37 Distort
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42 Chef's hat
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50 Rams fans?
53 NAFTA signatory

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Spiced Couscous Tomatoes

INGREDIENTS:
8 large tomatoes
2 tbsp (25 ml) extra virgin olive oil
1/2 cup (125 ml) (125 ml) flaked almonds.
1 small eggplant, diced
1 tsp (5 ml) ground coriander
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) ground cinnamon
1 cup (250 ml) boiling vegetable stock
3/4 cup (175 ml) couscous
2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh mint
50 g dried apricots, chopped
1 tsp (5 ml) harissa (chili paste)
pepper to taste

METHOD:
1. Cut tops off tomatoes and scoop out insides. Place tomatoes and cut-off tops on one side. Place seeds and scooped-out flesh in sieve set over small bowl and press with back of spoon to extract juices; you will need about 5 tbsp (75 ml) juice. Leave bowl of juice on one side and discard seeds and flesh.
2. Place hollowed-out tomatoes upside-down on plate covered with paper towel and leave to drain.
3. Heat. 1/2 tbsp (7 ml) olive oil in nonstick pot. Add flaked almonds and cook over low heat for 2–3 minutes or until golden-brown. Remove from pot with slotted spoon and set aside.
4. Add remaining oil to pot. Stir in eggplant and cook 5 minutes, turning frequently, until browned and tender. Stir in coriander, cumin and cinnamon, and cook a few more seconds, stirring constantly.
5. Pour in stock and bring to rapid boil, then add couscous in steady stream, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, cover, and leave to stand 5 minutes.
6. Uncover pan, return to low heat and cook 2–3 minutes, stirring with fork to separate grains. Stir in toasted almonds, mint and dried apricots. Add harissa to reserved tomato juices and stir, then pour over couscous. Add pepper and mix well. Spoon couscous mixture into tomatoes, replace tops and serve.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You may be willing to make sacrifices above and beyond the call of duty but common sense tells you that you can't change the world on your own.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Jupiter in the career area of your chart means you are determined to prove to the world you have what it takes to succeed — and you will.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You are in no mood to let others dictate to you what you can and cannot believe in. Freedom of speech is non-negotiable.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
What someone offers you today may be tempting but think carefully before you agree to sign. You certainly won't get anything for free.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Partners and colleagues may have the upper hand at the moment but it won't do you any harm. What's good for them will be good for you too.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You will get the chance to do well on the work front today, but don't get carried away. Be aware of your limits and don't push yourself too hard.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You seem remarkably confident at the moment, thanks to the influence of the Sun and Jupiter in positive areas of the sky. Put it to good use.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
No matter what you may have done wrong you will be forgiven, so admit you made a mistake. Say sorry — it's no big deal.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Cosmic activity in the most outgoing area of your solar chart will make it easy for you to meet new people and make new friends today.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
By all means splash out a bit today — if you can afford it. You have worked your socks off in recent weeks and you are entitled to enjoy what you earned.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Don't try to get approval for what you are about to do. It really does not matter if others support you or not.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The more you reflect upon your creative ambitions now, the easier it'll be to realize them in a few weeks when the Sun moves in your favour.

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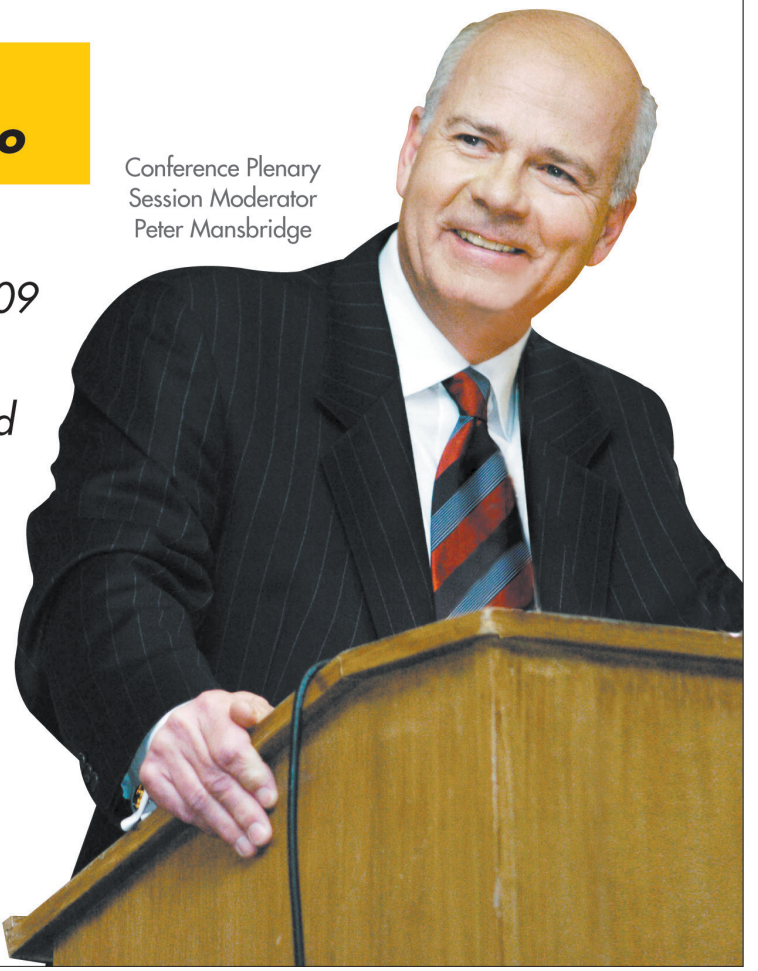

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